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SACRAMENTO MAN CONVICTED OF AGGRAVATED IDENTITY THEFT, BANK FRAUD, AND OTHER FELONIES

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that JUSTIN JOHN DOBROWSKI, 24, pled guilty to six felony identity theft crimes in federal district court before United States District Judge Garland E. Burrell.

The case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service, with the assistance of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who is prosecuting the case, DOBROWSKI was convicted for his scheme to commit bank fraud with checks and financial information stolen during a mugging and during robberies, and with checks stolen from the U.S. Mail. DOBROWSKI and his accomplices altered the stolen checks, then forged and attempted to cash the checks to defraud retailers in the Sacramento County area. DOBROWSKI used stolen victim identifications and posed as the true account holders in order to cash the checks and use the credit cards. DOBROWSKI also took victim account numbers and placed them on check stock bearing the name of the person DOBROWSKI was pretending to be. In sum, DOBROWSKI was convicted of two counts of bank fraud, one count of aggravated i.d. theft, one count of conspiracy to possess stolen U. S. Mail, one count of credit card fraud, and one count of misuse of a U.S. Passport to commit unlawful acts. DOBROWSKI possessed over 15 stolen credit card account numbers for fraudulent use. DOBROWSKI victimized over 50 individuals in committing his identification theft crimes.

DOBROWSKI faces a maximum sentence of 87 years imprisonment, a five-year term of supervised release, restitution, and a fine of up to \$2,750,000. For DOBROWSKI's use of another's identification to commit bank fraud – the aggravated i.d. theft conviction – federal law provides a minimum mandatory two year sentence of imprisonment to run consecutively to whatever sentence is given for DOBROWSKI's bank fraud schemes. DOBROWSKI was on California state probation for fraud offenses at the time he committed his offenses.

DOBROWSKI remains in custody for his federal criminal convictions, and is scheduled for sentencing on August 4, 2006 before Judge Burrell. DOBROWSKI's alleged co-conspirator, JENNIFER LYNN BORSHEIM, age 22, also of Sacramento, has a status hearing scheduled before Judge Burrell on June 2, 2006.